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This Communication is submitted in response to the Notice of Allowability dated June 6, 2003 which was issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the June 6, 2003 Notice of Allowability is due September 8, 2003. Accordingly, this Communication is being timely filed.

In the June 6, 2003 Notice, the Examiner required applicants to submit new formal drawings including the drawing corrections specified in the March 22, 2000 Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review. The March 22, 2003 Drawing Review stated that for Figure 1 the photograph is of poor quality, for Figure 5 the left margin is not acceptable and the numbers and reference characters are not plain and legible.

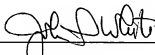
In response, applicants attach hereto as **Exhibit A** two(2) sheets of new, corrected formal drawings for Figures 1 and 5, including one photograph for (Figure 1).

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Applicants note that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office waived 37 C.F.R. §1.84(b)(1) in a notice published in the August 4, 1998 Official Gazette. Therefore, a petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.84(b)(1) including three sets of photographs mounted on bristol board and a petition fee of 130.00 is no longer required for photographs to be accepted.

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